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In re Application of :  
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Filed: October 30, 2003 : ON PETITION  
Application No. 10/695,918 :  
Atty. Dkt. No.: 1900/25 :

This decision is in response to the correspondence filed May 3, 2004 entitled "CORRECTION OF APPLICATION PAPERS." This correspondence is being treated as a petition to accord the above-identified application a filing date of October 30, 2003.

The application was filed October 30, 2003. The Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application ("Notice") mailed April 22, 2004 by the Office of Initial Patent Examination indicated that the application had not been accorded a filing date because the application was submitted without drawings as required under 35 USC 113 (first sentence).

The Notice indicated the filing date would be the date of receipt of the required drawings and that any assertions that the drawings were submitted or were not necessary for a filing date must be by way of petition (and petition fee).

Petitioner herein argues that the application as deposited included three sheets of drawings. Petitioner has included as proof of mailing and proof of receipt of the three sheets of drawings a return postcard date stamped by the Office on October 30, 2003. A copy of the drawing sheets purportedly filed with the application on October 30, 2003 was also supplied.

The original three sheets of drawings have not been located. However, in view of the evidence presented, the petition to accord the application a filing date of October 30, 2003 is GRANTED.

Since the original drawing sheets cannot be located in the Office, the copy of the drawing sheets supplied with the instant petition will be used for examination purposes.

No petition fee is due in connection with this matter.

This application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of October 30, 2003.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0310.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alesia M. Brown'.

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